MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

CH-921
Property Name: Historical Marker Inventory Number: 220000 CH-93
Address: Junction Mt. Carmel Rd. and Mitchell Rd., Charles County - 12 the vicinity of la Plata
Owner:
Tax Parcel Number: 32
Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)
Site visit by SHA Staff: X no _ yes Name: Date:
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommendedX
CriteriaABCD
Is property located within a historic district?: X no _ yes Name of District:
Is district listed?: X no yes
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The marker represents the area where the first Carmelite monastery in the United States was founded. Four Carmelites (monks or mendicant friars belonging to the order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, founded in 1155) from Belgium founded the monastery on October 15, 1790. Three of the nuns were natives of Maryland. The nuns belonging to this order moved to Baltimore on September 13, 1831.
Following the American Revolution, the 1776 Maryland Declaration of Rights ended the Anglican hegemony over religious practice. Despite the earlier periods of intolerance, Catholicism remained a strong presence in the state and flourished under the new religious freedom. Introduced in the 1770s, Methodism also became popular within the state. Other denominations were introduced to Maryland, but none were as popular as Roman Catholic, Episcopal, or the Methodist churches.
The marker, erected circa 1930, is not eligible for the National Register because it simply marks where an event occurred. It is not an actual historical resource. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.
Prepared by EHT Traceries, Inc.
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended Criteria: _ A _ B _ C _ D
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
Reviewer, NR Program Date

"THE MONASTERY"

FIRST CARMEL IN U. S.

FOUNDED OCTOBER 15, 1790,

BY FOUR CARMELITES FROM

BELGIUM THREE OF THEM NATIVES

OF MARYLAND. NUNS MOVED TO

BALTIMORE SEPT. 13, 1831 THE

RESTORERS OF MT. CARMEL IN MD.

RECOVERED SITE MARCH 27, 1935.

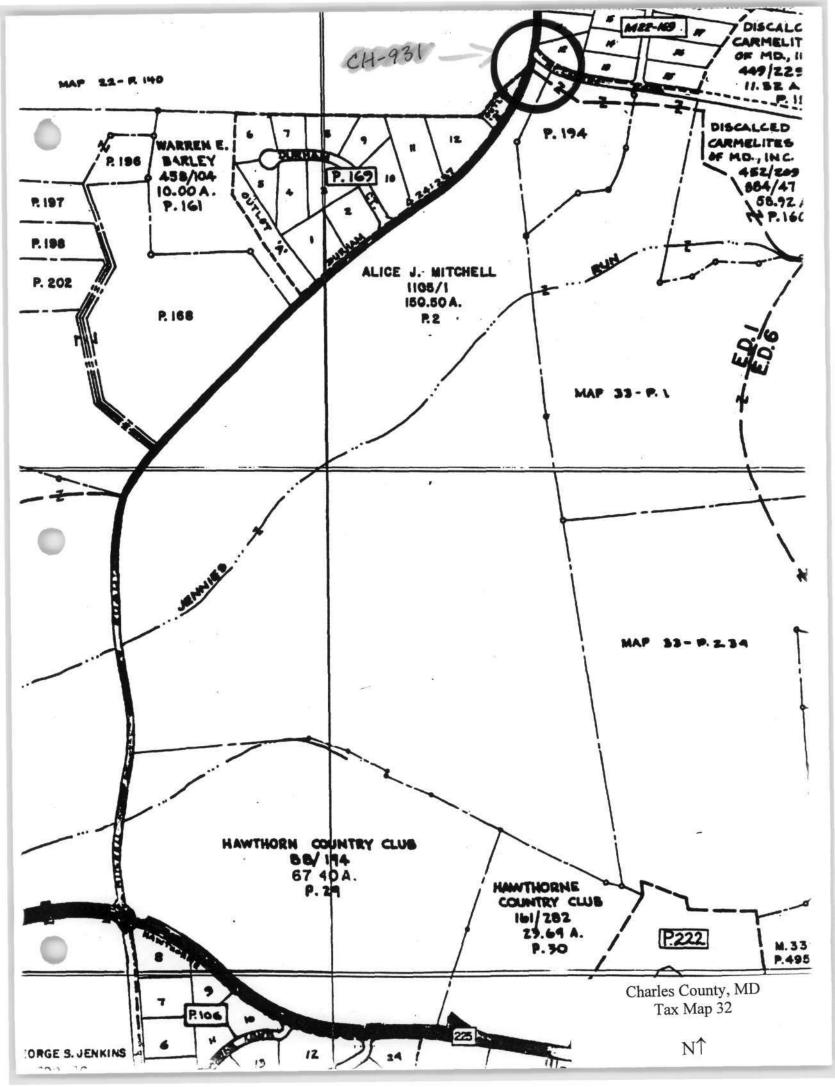
RESTORED BUILDINGS 1937

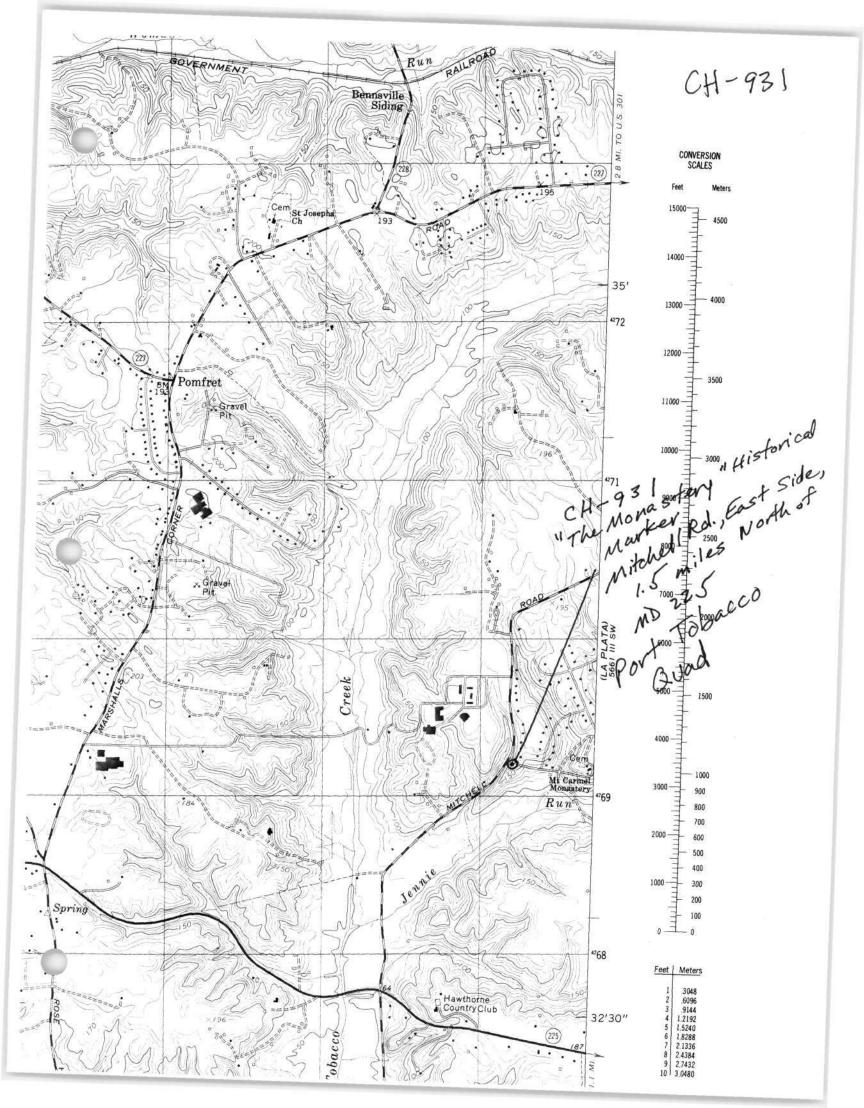
STATE ROADS COMMISSION OF MARYLAND

Erected: 1940

By: State Roads Commission

Location: On road leading from Port Tobacco to Waldorf.







Historic Marker, Junction of Ht Carmel Road and Mitchell Road Charles County, MD

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View looking North